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Our Case No. 9281-4709
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Sumihito Morita et al.)
Serial No.: 10/688,762)
Filing Date: October 17, 2003) Examiner: T. Chen
For: Thin Film Magnetic Head Having Partial)
Insulating Layer Formed on Bottom)
Pole Layer Through Gap Layer and)
Method of Manufacturing the Same)
Group Art Unit: 2652

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF DECEMBER 29, 2004
AND
INTERVIEW SUMMARY

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Dear Sir:

This is a preliminary amendment filed in Response to the Office Action, mailed on December 29, 2004 in the above referenced application. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration, reexamination and allowance of Claims 1 and 13 in view of the following claim amendments and/or remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.

